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**Local Parents Honored by Congress as “Angels in Adoption”**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Angel and Allen Kildow of South Bend have been selected as 2005 Angels in Adoption for enriching the lives of foster children. U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola (R-Ind.) nominated the Kildows for this award. They will be recognized by Congress at an awards gala in Washington D.C. this evening.

Married for 14 years, the Kildows have been foster parents with The Villages, Indiana’s largest therapeutic foster care provider, for eight years. During that time period, they fostered eight children, four of which they have adopted: Hope, 14; Robert, 8; Angela, 8; and Monica, 4.

“The Kildows are caring, nurturing parents who genuinely care about what’s in the best interest of the children,” said Cindy Calhoun, a case manager at The Villages who has worked with the family for the past two years. “They are true champions of adoption, willing to go above and beyond to provide a loving, stable home for the children in their care. We at The Villages are so proud of these extraordinary parents, and congratulate them on receiving this honor.”

Hosted by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, the Angels in Adoption program gives members of Congress the opportunity to recognize the good work of their constituents who have made a difference in the lives of foster children and orphans.

For more information on the Angels in Adoption program, visit [www.ccainstitute.org/angels.php](http://www.ccainstitute.org/angels.php). For more information on The Villages, visit [www.villageskids.org](http://www.villageskids.org).

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**About The Villages**

**The Villages of Indiana** champions every child’s right to a safe, permanent and nurturing home and serves more than 1,100 children and their families daily. This mission-driven, nonprofit agency is committed to strengthening all families and embracing the dignity and diversity of each child, youth and family. As Indiana’s largest therapeutic foster care provider, The Villages offers a statewide continuum of care that addresses the needs of abused, neglected, and abandoned children and is a leader in providing child abuse prevention services. In existence since 1978, the agency is proud to be among just one percent of similar organizations in the nation accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, assuring that children and families receive the highest standard of service. For more information, visit [www.villageskids.org](http://www.villageskids.org) or call 1-800-874-6880.